

May 30, 2006

**REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTS FOR AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**1. PURPOSE:** This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive updates cost limitations for standard items of automobile adaptive equipment to reflect current prices.

**2. POLICY:** It is VHA policy that allowable reimbursable amounts for certain items of automobile adaptive equipment are updated biennially to reflect increases or decreases in retail prices.

**3. ACTION**

a. Subject to the following limitations, reimbursable amounts are to be the sticker price. If for some reason the window sticker is not available, an itemized factory dealer invoice may be used to substantiate the purchase of the vehicle and the items of automobile adaptive equipment purchased.

b. If the sticker price is available, the amount payable may be more or less than the “standard equipment reimbursable amount,” but must not exceed the “maximum sticker reimbursable amount.”

c. The following reimbursable amounts are effective with claims processed after April 15, 2006.

<u>Items</u>	<u>Standard Equipment \$ Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Sticker \$ Amount</u>
Automatic Transmission	\$778	\$1267
Power Brakes	\$479	\$846
Power Steering	\$234	\$290
Power Seat	\$331	\$708
Power Windows	\$400	\$701
Tilt Steering	\$175	\$237
Cruise Control	\$231	\$490
Rear Window Defroster	\$149	\$185
Air Conditioning	\$662	\$920
Power Door Locks	\$226	\$288
CB Radio or Cell Phone or In-vehicle Emergency Response Systems	\$149	\$150
Leather Seats	\$932	\$1578

**NOTE:** See Attachment A for the reimbursable amounts for automobile adaptive equipment, from June 29, 2000, to April 15, 2006, as it is necessary for the processing of late claims involving new vehicles from previous model years. Amounts authorized for reimbursement for new vehicles are to reflect the VHA Directive in effect at the time of purchase.

**THIS VHA DIRECTIVE EXPIRES MAY 31, 2011**

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**4. REFERENCES**

- a. Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.158(b).
- b. VHA Handbook 1173.4, Automobile Adaptive Equipment.

**5. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** Chief Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer (10FP), is responsible for the contents of this Directive. Questions may be directed to 202-273-0443.

**6. RESCISSION:** VHA Directive 2000-017, dated June 29, 2000, is rescinded. This Directive expires May 31, 2011.

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ATTACHMENT A

**REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTS FOR AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT**

The following items and costs represent the reimbursable amounts for automobile adaptive equipment from June 29, 2000, to April 15, 2006.

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Standard Equipment Reimbursable Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Sticker Reimbursable Amount</u></b>
Automatic Transmission	\$797	\$1,050
Power Brakes	170	200
Power Steering	234	290
Power Seat	286	330
Power Windows	240	300
Tilt Steering	153	190
Cruise Control	184	230
Rear Window Defroster	140	190
Air Conditioning	768	960
Power Door Locks	184	230
CB Radio, Antenna and Installation	00	150